

Bristol, May 6th - 1850

My dear Mr. May,

Finding that Mr. Wallis friend
Mr. Edmunds does not sail till
next Saturday, I write a few ad-
ditional lines to the letter in the
roll-parcel which I forwarded to
Manchester last week.

The colored seaman affair, which
I detailed to Mr. A. W. Weston, has oc-
casioned a good deal of attention in
the country; leading articles in the
"Times" of April 27th, "Morning Chronicle"
of 30th with the demand of explanation
from Lord Palmerston in the H. of Com.
could not fail to give the matter much
notoriety. Lord P.'s explanation is as

voiced of the prudential maxim of
the "least said soonest mended";

I suspect that he would prefer leaving
~~any~~ ^{occasionally} individual cases & disputes, to
be dealt with as they arise, rather than
enter upon so troublesome a matter
as the general question. He must know
well enough that the Newholders will
not relinquish their practice whatever,
may be said of their ^{to imprison free trading sailors} right. And George

Thompson been in the House when
Mr. Cockburn interrogated L^d. Pal.
he certainly would have enlightened
the Members as to the ulterior man-
sues pursued at Charleston, if the
gall fees be not paid. I wrote a
letter to the "M. Chronicle" (which was
inserted) mentioning this fact.

Capt. Waddington, of the "Mary Ann",

declared at the London Police Office,
that he could never go to Charleston
again, owing to the exposure he had
been reluctantly compelled to make
of the Negroes' practices in that
port!

This month's No. of the "A. S. Reporter,"
I am assured to see, is full of
American affairs, & no allusion
is made to my attack on it: perhaps
the whipping I administered
it has done good? It seems doubtful.
If the "B. & F. A. S. Socy" will
hold any public Meeting this year:-
a private one is summoned.

I saw a long letter a few days ago
from M. A. Carpenter to his family.
It was from Charleston where he
was on a visit to Dr. Gillman. He

describes the Society there as regarding
themselves as extremely ill used
by those who find fault with them.
[R.C. had been at a slave auction:
said it made him feel "sick & hypo-
terised". - I trust the scene affected
his heart as well as his stomach
but now, this] He had visited
at Washington the President, Mr.
Wilthrop, D. Webster &c.

Messrs Whitwell (ship brokers)
sent to tell me that the "Recovery"
reached Boston on the 12th ult.

We have now emigrant ships from
Britain to N. York every 50 days.

One goes soon to Boston. I hope
Adeline ~~has~~ found the bee cells in

an uninjured condition?

29th Nov. Lator I hear is better, & that

his complaint is Scurvy induced by
the diet recommended him by a home-
opathic physician. Can you help
me to an explanation of the weakness
& follies of the wise? It is an un-
fading perplexity to me! For weak,
& common minded people to give up
the little sense they have to Mesmerism
& Homeopathy is not marvellous.
but for sensible ones to do so, is af-
fecting! I will transcribe for
you part of a gentlemanly, dignified,
~~the~~ ^{the} laconic reply of a distinguished
physician in London to the request
of a patient, ^{desiring} ~~desiring~~ to meet a prac-
titioner of homeopathy in consultation.

"Believing, as I firmly do, that the
"so-called 'homeopathic system'
"is an entire fallacy, fallacy, & there-
"fore calculated to do much injury to those
"on whom it is practiced, I consider it to
"be my duty to do nothing that can di-
"rectly or indirectly, countenance & aid it."

Our friends Mr & the Miss Parkers
were to go to Paris to-morrow, but
~~the~~ the alarm of some impending in-
surrection, very prevalent at this time,
compels them to put off their visit.
My daughter & I did not mean to go till
July: by that time Revolution & Counter-
revolution may have occurred, &
Red Republicanism, or an Absolute
Monarchy established.

Shame the "Jured Quakers" who signed the
Address of admiration for D. Webster, is
not a Unitⁿ Minister? Why is there
not a Memorial of disapproval of
his speech?

Is there any possibility of my getting
all, or some of the following Nos of the
Anti-Slavery Report of the "Mass. A. S. Society"
viz No 1 (presented to the Meeting in 1834)
and Nos 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, & 12. - the rest I
have. No better chance I presume
than formerly exists of my obtaining

a new or 2^d hand copy of Broun's
Slave Laws?

To morrow (Wednesday 8th) I hope
to hear from Mrs Chapman what her
summer movements are -

Once more, for the present, farewell.

Sincerely Yours

J. B. Lathin.

I have heard from Brown this
morning: he writes in good spirits:
his late meeting at Norwich has
brought him 4 others - My daughter
& I will probably be in the house
where he lodges, during the Whitson
week, ~~indeed~~, & he expects to hold a
meeting that week, in conjunction
with G. Thompson, in London. If you see
Mr. Quincy pray offer him my friendly
regards. I feel quite on social terms

will, him thro' my intimacy with H.
D. Webb. Tell him I have seen him
~~inquire~~ confidential inquiries re-
specting G. J. & could answer ^{then} ~~did not~~
fear the "death by slow torture" which
he holds in dread, were I to speak
the whole truth. Still he must not
suppose I think G. J. otherwise than
clever, sincere & trustworthy fellow. I
shall certainly visit him in London.